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Dear Colleagues in Ministry:

Happy New Year!

God graciously kept us alive for another year and deserves our praise.

Yesterday, I received a call from an excited endorser. He informed me that four people recently asked to enter the Sea Services ministry—he has five more candidates who may apply later this year. He said this is a refreshing change of pace, concluding that it must be happening because God is answering our prayers. I believe he is correct. The endorser also asked my staff and me to pray for a family in distress. What a wonderful thing to have those outside of our Corps developing confidence in our spiritual readiness.

"The weapons of our warfare are not carnal." We need to master scientific and technological approaches, but our forte must always be spiritual. Let us pray for one another and our leaders each day.

As we look forward to PDTCs and the Senior Leadership Conference in Dallas, I again remind you of my interim guidance. Each command chaplain should be seeking to make progress in four important areas: manning, readiness, reserves, and story. By story, I refer to the need to inform other of who we are and what we are about. We can tell our story more effectively than others.

The future beckons with great promise. Cooperating with our Divine Helper, we move forward with faith.

Fraternally Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barry C. Black".

BARRY C. BLACK
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